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Dear Neighbors,

This past Tuesday, I delivered the Second Annual State of the Village address highlighting our progress in pursuit of our strategic goals and where our efforts will be focused moving forward.

Our Strategic Goals are:

- Obtaining Lake Michigan Water as our water supply for the Village
- Diversify the tax base through Economic Development
- Excellence in Governance (Efficient & Effective Core Services)

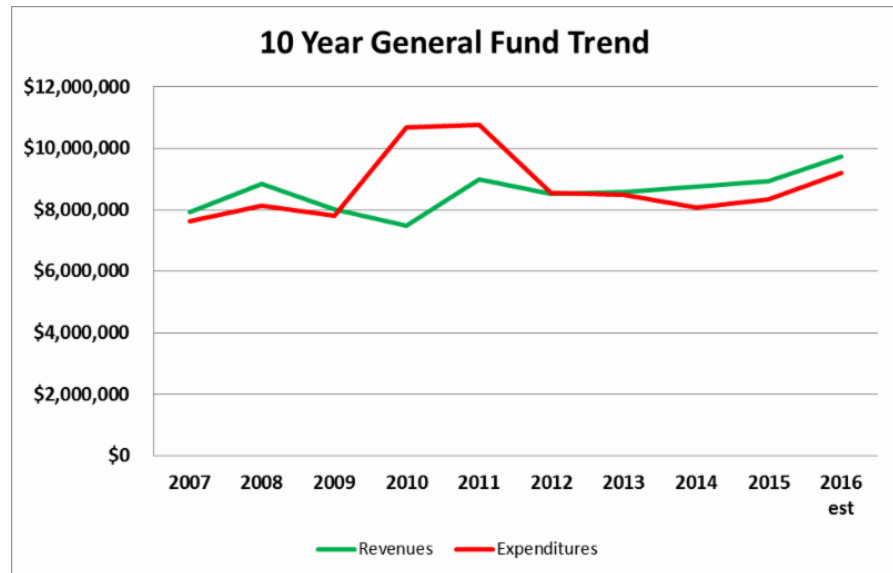
An update on acquiring the rights to obtain Lake Michigan Water and the ability to deliver this valuable resource to the community was provided showing that we are on target for a late 2018 cutover to Lake Michigan water.

We also shared the successes we have had in attracting and retaining new businesses as well as where our future efforts will be focused. I believe Wauconda needs to end our over-reliance on property taxes to fund the government. We started this administration in 2013 with a 43% reliance on property taxes, which is the highest in the region. Now, we have been successful at shrinking that to 39%. It is an improvement, but we have a long way to go to be competitive with the regional averages that are all around 25% or less.

We also covered the efforts of each department to provide effective, efficient core services to the community. Examples were provided of our innovative efforts in economic development, pursuing the remediation of hazardous nuisance properties, expanding services important to the public such as curbside leaf collection and electronics disposal, forming partnerships with other agencies for effective law enforcement efforts, and upgrading our communication technologies and

capabilities to help keep the community informed.

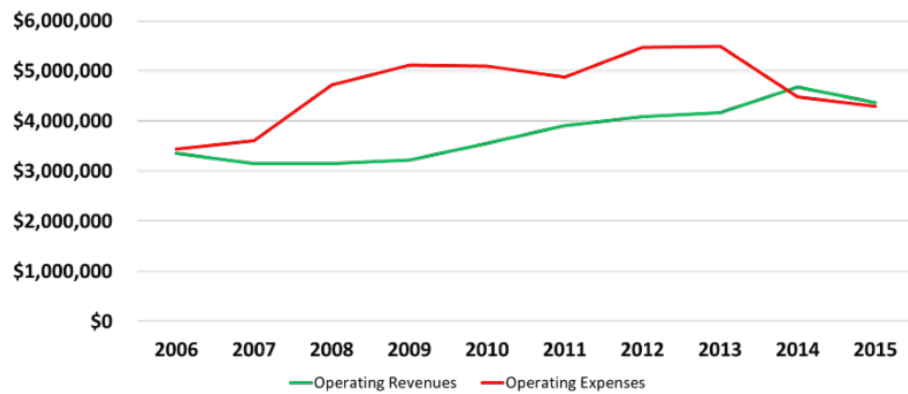
An overview of the financial condition of the Village was also shared highlighting our consistent practice of producing these results in a cost effective manner well below our budgetary constraints. As you can see in the graph below covering the last 10 years, we have successfully reduced our expenses and the positive relationship between revenues and expenses has been restored.



I am proud to announce that this administration has delivered another sound budget surplus this past year of about \$815,000 which means we saved 10% of our annual budget. We are also on track to deliver another significant surplus of around \$515,000 in the fiscal year ending at the end of this month. The emergency road repairs to Callahan Road will, however, impact the final surplus. That will make 3 straight years of healthy surpluses and a complete financial overhaul of the village government for the benefit of our taxpayers. These surpluses are important for us to be able to pay for the very expensive Lake Michigan Water project.

Similarly, as you can see in the graph below, we have restored a positive relationship between revenues and expenses in the Water & Sewer Fund after a decade of deficits. We have re-established this balanced relationship over the past two years and created policy that will sustain this for the foreseeable future.

### Wauconda Water/Sewer Fund: Operating Revenues and Expenses



A video presentation of the State of the Village Address will be available on the Village website within the next few days and DVD copies will be made available at the library for those interested in viewing the presentation. Please let me know your thoughts on how we are doing and I will share your remarks with our professional staff. [fbart@wauconda-il.gov](mailto:fbart@wauconda-il.gov)

These successes are the result of the direct efforts of our professional staff and I count every day they serve us as a blessing. As the Mayor, I must lead through leaders. Most of the actual work is theirs. So, too is the success. Together we achieved exemplary success and have had 100% of our agenda items passed with all but two being unanimous votes. We have been working to create a merit based culture and recognize those who achieve these outstanding results and I want to acknowledge Doug Maxeiner, Dave Wermes, Brad Fink, Stan Helgerson, Lori Emch, and Chris Miller as our professional leadership team in the Village of Wauconda. We thank each of you and the village staff as a whole for all you do!

#### Ask The Mayor

**Question:** Why is Callahan Road closed and when will it reopen?

#### Answer:

On Friday, March 25th, the Public Works Department noticed an issue with the pavement approximately one half mile east of Old Rand Road where the culverts cross under the roadway. A detailed inspection revealed a structural failure of two 60-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) culverts that carry Mutton Creek under Callahan Road. Rainfall has further undermined the pavement resulting in failing roadway and hazardous conditions for vehicular traffic. The roadway was closed shortly thereafter for public safety reasons.



This week the Village Engineer completed the plans and specifications for the repair and replacement project and the necessary permits are being acquired from state and federal

regulatory agencies. Construction on the new concrete headwalls and concrete culverts will likely start the week of April 18th once a contractor has been selected and material delivered to the site. The project should be complete within a week or two following the start of construction. An announcement will be made on the Village's website and Facebook page when the road is re-opened.

### **The Wauconda High School Special Olympics Basketball Team Recognized For Bronze Medal Achievement**



The Wauconda High School Special Olympics Basketball team came to Village Hall this Tuesday to be recognized. They competed in the State Championships held at Illinois State University from March 11th – 13th and brought home the bronze medal for High School District 7.



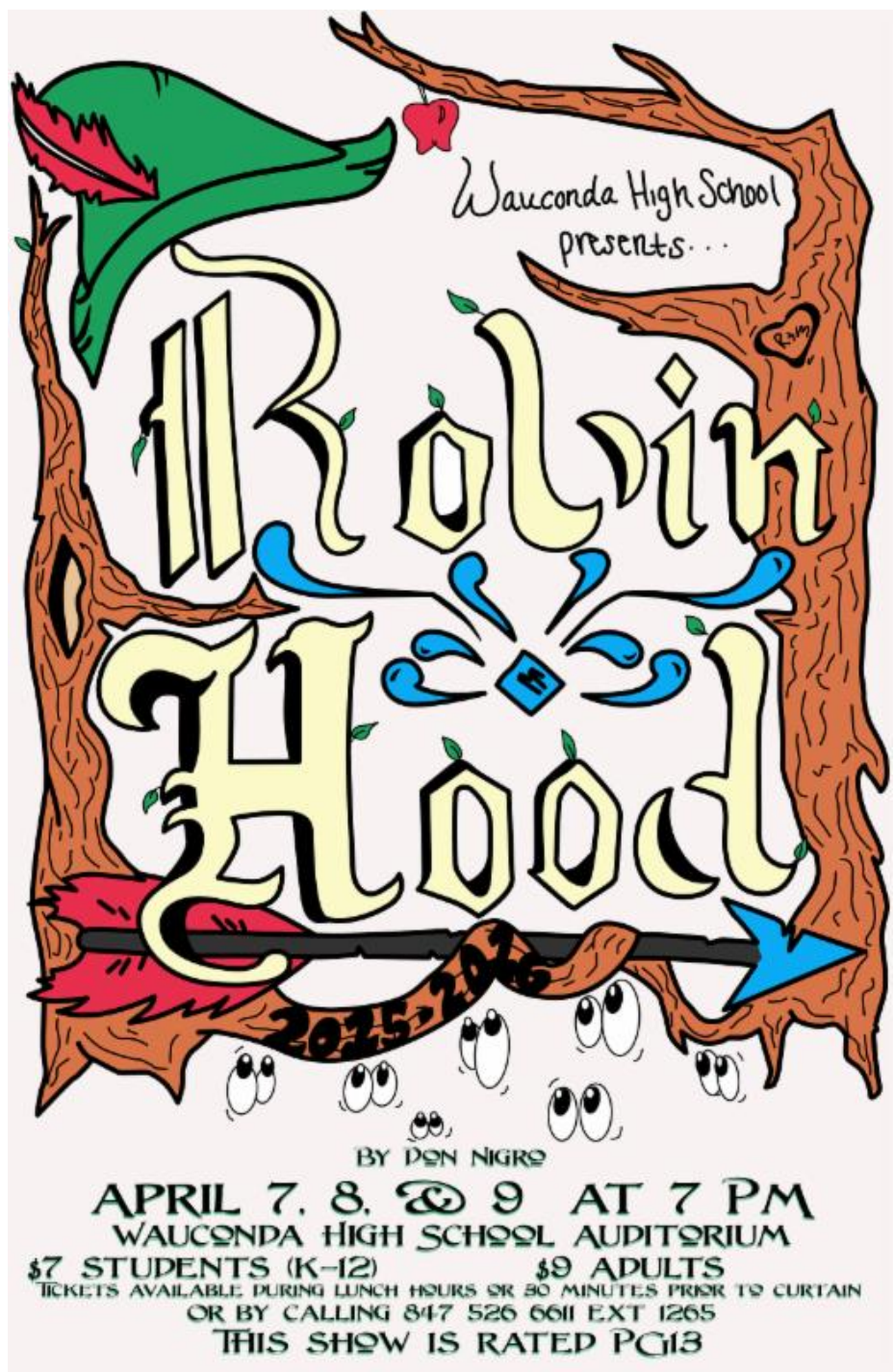
We are proud of these athletes and the high achievement of their team: Cody Chambers, Mary Kate Davey, Ryan Fiegen, Chris Huzsek, Eber Mendez, Alyssa Trafford, Jacob

Whiteson, and Cory Williams with WHS coaches Casey Morovic and Ashley Schulz.

Congratulations on bringing home the Bronze!!

**Robin Hood**





Board Game Night



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 911 WAUCONDA IS HOSTING A  
BOARD GAME NIGHT FOR ALL TO ATTEND.

LOCATION AMERICAN LEGION POST 911  
515 S MAIN STREET WAUCONDA IL 60084

DATE FRIDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
TIME 6 – 11 PM

THIS IS A SOCIAL EVENT TO HELP PROMOTE THE CAMARADERIE AND  
COMMUNICATION OF ALL THE LEGION FAMILIES. COME JOIN US FOR A  
RELAXED FUN EVENING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



Casino Night



# CASINO NIGHT

**SATURDAY, April 9, 2016**

**WAUCONDA AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 911**

**6pm till Midnight**

515 S. Main Street  
(847) 526-9718

- **BLACKJACK – TEXAS HOLD'EM**
- **BIG WHEEL – OVER & UNDER**
- **PLAYERS CHOICE POKER – PULL TABS**
- **Video Gaming**
- **Slots, Poker, and more, 5 machines**



**\$2 Admission**

License # CG 01810

*Food and Cocktails available*

**Bunco**

# CCLC Ladies Night

## YOU ARE INVITED



Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Parish Life Center  
 Transfiguration Campus  
 6:30PM  
 Doors Open 5:30PM  
 \$10 per Person to Play

**Additional Information:**  
 \*Tables of 12 available  
 Register as a Table of 12 or as Individual  
 Food & Beverages Available  
**PRIZES:**  
 Most Bunco Wins  
 Most Bunco Losses

**Register BY April 1st:**  
 Email: [stwtier@ccolcschools.org](mailto:stwtier@ccolcschools.org)  
 Call: (847) 487-5600  
 Or Mail to:  
 Catholic Consortium of Lake County  
 316 W. Mill Street  
 Wauconda, Illinois 60084



**CATHOLIC CONSORTIUM**  
St. Mary Elementary School, Transfiguration Seminary School, and Sacred Catholic Academy





\*Check or Cash ONLY. Please make checks payable to CCLC

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### CCLC Ladies Bunco Night

Registrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registering as an individual?    Yes    No    If No, are you a Table Caption?    Yes    No

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Check    Cash

Table Registrant Names: (12 per table)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_

The next meeting is Tuesday,  
 April 19th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at  
 Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street.



Take care and God Bless,

Frank

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